

Tibbee Watershed CSP Preliminary Checklist

Are you eligible for the 2006 Conservation Security Program?

If you currently own/operate land in the Tibbee Creek Watershed, you could be eligible for 2006 CSP. Eligibility hinges on having treated soil and water quality to specific levels on one or more of your farm fields. If you can answer "yes" to the following questions, you might be eligible to participate in this program.

1. Do you share in the risk of producing crops or livestock on this operation? (Landowners that only receive CASH RENT are NOT eligible for this program; however, the operator could still be eligible.)
2. Is your land in compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions of the 1985 Farm Bill?
3. If you are a renter, could you show in writing that is signed by the landowner(s) that you will have control of the land for the length of the contract (5–10 year contracts)?

For at least a portion of land that is cropped:

1. Did you use no-till cropping methods at least once in the past three years?
2. Do some of your fields show NO evidence of gullies, washes, or other types of soil erosion.
3. Are you following the fertilizer recommendations based on soil test results from a sample taken within the last three years?

For at least a portion of land that is currently pastured:

1. Do you use cross fences or other means to practice rotational grazing?
2. Do you use fences or other methods to limit the access of livestock to streams and creeks?
3. Are your pasture fields free of actively eroding areas?

For all land to be enrolled in CSP:

1. When managing farm pests do you practice sound pest management techniques including an assessment of the environmental risks of pesticide use and addressing any risks with appropriate measures?
2. Do you have records, going back at least two years, that document and support the answers provided above?

If you have answered yes to all of these questions, you may wish to consider attending a [CSP workshop](#) to find out what opportunities you may have in CSP.

Note: Land currently enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, Wetlands Reserve Program or Grassland Reserve Program are not eligible acres for CSP.